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**Subject:** Re: JIC Action; DDL ASAP; Reuters query re: San Juan River contamination?

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On Aug 17, 2015, at 3:51 PM, "Robert Daguiard"  
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**Subject:** RE: Reuters query re: San Juan River contamination?

One last question, I was told by one of the JIC public information officials, a guy named Michael Davis, that in answer to another reporter's question, the EPA said that so far water sampling has shown no evidence that contamination from the spill reached the San Juan River at all, though water testing would continue. Can someone at EPA confirm this please?

Davis furnished me with an answer to my question about irrigation canals, which is they have now been deemed safe for crops and livestock watering along the Animas River in Colorado.

Thanks,

Steve Gorman

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**From:** Daguiard, Robert [<mailto:Daguiard.Robert@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 4:24 PM  
**To:** Gorman, Steve J. (Reuters News)  
**Cc:** Gray, David; General News West  
**Subject:** Re: Reuters query re: Reopening of private water wells in New Mexico

On it. Thank you Steve.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2015, at 6:34 PM, "[steve.gorman@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:steve.gorman@thomsonreuters.com)"  
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Hi Robert,

Thanks for offering to help. I'm cc'ing your Region 6 colleague, David Gray, also. So my question pertains to a statement made during today's telephone media call that authorities were reopening private water wells to domestic use along the river in New Mexico, today. But it wasn't clear which entity or entities were lifting those restrictions; whether it was being done effective immediately; whether it pertains to wells only along the Animas River or along the Animas and the San Juan rivers; and approximately how many wells or homes were impacted.

I would appreciate whatever additional light could be shed on any or all of these questions as soon as possible, as I'm on deadline to update the story we

published earlier about reopening of the Animas River in La Plata County, Colo., to recreational use.

Also, what is the status of the reopening of irrigation canals fed by the Animas River to agriculture? This was mentioned on the call as well, but not well detailed.

Thanks for your assistance.

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